

**Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Winter 2012/2013 Schedule of Events
Chronological Order**

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Saturday, December 1

CVSR Christmas Tree Adventure

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Junior Ranger Bird Watching

Bird watching is not as hard as you think. Join a park ranger for these free adventures to see and hear what you've been missing! Each month we explore a different birding hotspot. Programs count towards a 2013 badge or patch. For ages 7 and older. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9 - 11 a.m.

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Winter at the Ledges

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Christmas in Peninsula

Start a Christmas tradition! Spend the day experiencing all that Peninsula has to offer. Find unique gift items at our galleries and shops, ride the scenic railroad, pick out a Christmas tree, and have your picture taken with Santa. For more information visit www.explorepenninsula.com.

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Bird Watching: Winter Retreats

Despite cold temperatures and limited food supplies, there are some permanent residents and northern visitors this time of year. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for wintering birds along the 3.5-mile Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 8:30 - 11 a.m.

Countryside Winter Farmers' Markets

Come enjoy the local, seasonal bounty at the Countryside Conservancy's producers-only farmers' market. Throughout the winter, our indoor market offers fresh produce from high-tunnel greenhouses and cold storage, meat, cheese, baked goods, confections, artwork, and more! Old Trail School, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Take a Break! Hike

Whether you have completed all of your holiday preparations, are in the midst, or have not yet begun, why not take a restorative break? Join Park Ranger Margaret Adams for a 2.75-mile moderate hike that offers achievement, encouragement, and inspiration. Horseshoe Pond, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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Holiday Mini Concerts

Join us at the historic Bronson Memorial Church in Peninsula for holiday sing-a-longs! Merry voices are accompanied by our 1880s Estey pump organ and by flute. Free. Bronson Memorial Church, concerts at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Winter Warm-up Hike

4.5 miles of the moderately difficult Salt Run and Lake trails. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Santa at Trail Mix Peninsula

Join us for special holiday activities including a visit with Santa, kids' crafts, and tasty treats. Cameras welcome. Trail Mix Peninsula, 1 - 3 p.m.

Ice and Rock at the Gorge

Enjoy a slow-paced, moderate 1.25-mile hike with a park ranger to explore the geology of the picturesque Brandywine Falls. Brandywine Falls, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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Heritage Series Concert: Cherish the Ladies: Celtic Christmas

One of the most engaging and successful ensembles in the history of Celtic music, *Cherish the Ladies* has shared timeless Irish traditions with audiences worldwide for more than 25 years. Admission for this event is \$25 adults, \$23 Conservancy members, and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. On concert day, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations. This series is made possible thanks to the generous support of 89.7 FM (WKSU), Cable 9 Television, Courtyard by Marriott of Akron/Stow, the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Time Warner Cable.

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Trailblazers Meeting

Be part of the park's hike, bike, and horse patrol by educating and assisting visitors. The informational meeting is Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m. at Happy Days Lodge. Must be available for 27 hours of initial training and a 40-hour annual time commitment. To apply, call 330-657-2299 by December 13.

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society Holiday Party

Spend time socializing and spreading holiday cheer with fellow photo enthusiasts. CVPS will provide the pizza; members are invited to bring beverages. Guests are welcome. Free. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

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Friday, December 14

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Off the Beaten Path Hike: Behind the Marsh

Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones on the edges of the Beaver Marsh to explore what lies behind it. Be prepared for wet, off-trail conditions on this 3-mile hike. Hike may be shortened depending on trail and marsh conditions. Ira Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

Mustill Store Holiday Open House

Enjoy Cascade Locks Park Association's annual holiday open house. Meet local authors! Browse our holiday gifts for history buffs while sampling complimentary holiday treats and beverages. Mustill Store, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Santa at Trail Mix Peninsula

Join us for special holiday activities including a visit with Santa, kids' crafts, and tasty treats. Cameras welcome. Trail Mix Peninsula, 1 - 3 p.m.

Cross-Country Ski Program: Ski Preparation

Whether you have waxable or non-waxable skis, there are certain preparation methods that can help protect your skis and allow for maximum performance. Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts and discover the important aspects of cross-country ski preparation, with a chance to prepare your own skis. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m. To register call 330-657-2752.

Sunday, December 16

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Bird Watching: Christmas Bird Count

Annual counts help monitor bird populations, establish which species are in the area, and alert scientists to unusual population changes. Participate as a park volunteer, counting birds in the southern portion of CVNP for the Greater Akron Audubon Society. Optional donation of \$5 helps to defray report preparation and publication costs. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7:30 a.m. - noon.

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Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series: Ed Caner

For nearly two decades, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. He is also a founding member of his own band, *Hey Mavis*. For our series, Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him each month. Admission: \$8 general public, \$6 Conservancy members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 p.m. Seating is limited. Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. The facility is not wheelchair accessible. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

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Friday, December 21

Festival of Lights/Dinner in the Valley

Come light up the darkest day of the year in CVNP. Learn why many cultures observe seasonal days of celebration during the month of December. Take a magical stroll through candlelit woods, sample the holiday traditions of cultures near and far, and learn the science behind the winter solstice. Enjoy a delicious meal in our cozy, pine-adorned dining halls! Reservations required. Fee: \$25 per person ages 12 and older, \$20 Conservancy members, \$7 children ages 5 - 11. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 5:30 - 9 p.m. Dinner served at 6 and 7:30 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

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Tree Farm Snowshoe Hike

Imagine taking a tractor-drawn wagon through evergreens to select your favorite tree for Christmas. What evidence of the past can you find? Discover the historical tree farm story on this 2.75-mile moderate snowshoe hike. 1 - 4 p.m. Fee: \$5 per person for snowshoe rental. No advance payment is required. Locations will be provided upon registration. To register call 330-657-2752. When snow is less than 4 inches, programs are conducted as hikes without snowshoes and are free.

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Sunday, December 23

Winter Warm-up Hike

5.5 miles of the moderately difficult Buckeye and Deer Run trails. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Ira Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

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Tuesday, December 25

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, December 26

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Thursday, December 27

Full Moon Hike

Discover the winter world around Sylvan Pond on this easy 1.5-mile hike on the Oak Hill Trail.

Oak Hill Trailhead, 7 - 8 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

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Friday, December 28

Junior Ranger: Winter Tracks Snowshoe

Snowshoe a section of the Cross Country Trail and discover the animals living in the upland evergreen forests. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 12. 10 - 11:30 a.m. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$8 per child including rental equipment, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. Dress for the weather. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Junior Ranger: Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 7 - 9

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have at least 6 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 9. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$15 per child including rental equipment, \$10 with own equipment and for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Saturday, December 29

Cookie Burner Hike

Burn off the holiday calories during this 9-mile round-trip hike on the Buckeye and Valley trails. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate cold-weather gear. Pack a lunch to eat along the trail. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cross-Country Ski Program: Beginning Cross-Country Ski Workshop

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at the beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 2 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with 3-hour rental. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register call 330-657-2752.

Junior Ranger: Kids' Snowshoe Workshop: For ages 7 - 12

We'll learn about snowshoes and experience what it's like to go snowshoeing as we take a short hike to discover who else is out and about on this winter day. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$8 per child including rental equipment, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with

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Sunday, December 30

Junior Ranger: Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 10 - 12

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have at least 6 inches of snow. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$15 per child including rental equipment, \$10 with own equipment and for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. Dress for the weather. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

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Tuesday, January 1

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Wednesday, January 2

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Thursday, January 3

No events scheduled

Friday, January 4

Lantern Hike

Join Park Ranger Mike Kosmos to explore the wonders of CVNP by lantern light, 2.2 miles along the moderate Ledges Trail. Afterwards, enjoy hot chocolate around a roaring campfire. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, January 5

Evergreen Forests Snowshoe Hike

Discover what it is like to snowshoe through large stands of eastern white pine. Their long, soft, green needles are a lovely contrast to white snow. Join us on this 2.5-mile moderate snowshoe hike over hills and along a scenic plateau. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fee: \$5 per person for snowshoe rental. No advance payment is required. Locations will be provided upon registration. To register call 330-657-2752. When snow is less than 4 inches, programs are conducted as hikes without snowshoes and are free.

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Friday, January 11

Lyceum Series Lecture, Greg Miller: The Big Year

Few of us see our lives being depicted on the big screen by a Hollywood actor, but that is exactly what birder Greg Miller experienced when Jack Black portrayed him in the movie *The Big Year*. Applying over 50 years of experience, Greg surpassed the 700-bird-species-in-North-America mark in just one year. Learn about Greg's 130,000-mile adventure to birding hotspots, his search for rarities, and the tight competition between three rivals vying for the 1998 Big Year title.

Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. On lecture days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Saturday, January 12

Bird Watching: Northern Visitors

Wintering birds such as purple finches, red-breasted nuthatches, and white-throated sparrows often feed along hardwood forest edges. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for

northern birds along the trails surrounding Sylvan Pond. Oak Hill Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Cross-Country Ski Program: Beginning Cross-Country Ski Workshop

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at the beginning workshop, held with or without snow.

Free ski time will follow approximately 2 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with 3-hour rental. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register call 330-657-2752.

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Junior Ranger, Jr.: Everything Snow

Keep your 4-to-6-year-olds active this winter! Join a park ranger on a fun inside and outside exploration of snow. Through science experiments, stories, and art, discover the wonders of this winter season. Come prepared for a short hike. 10 a.m. - noon. Dress for the weather. Winter programs are free. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Sunday, January 13

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Cross-Country Ski Program: Ski Preparation

Whether you have waxable or non-waxable skis, there are certain preparation methods that can help protect your skis and allow for maximum performance. Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts and discover the important aspects of cross-country ski preparation, with a chance to prepare your own skis. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m. To register call 330-657-2752.

Monday, January 14

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, January 15

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, January 16

Winter Camp-in Meeting

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Thursday, January 17

Weekday Walkers

Join a Metro Parks naturalist to walk the 1.6-mile Spring Hollow Trail while discovering nature and history. Hampton Hills Metro Park / Main Entrance, 10 a.m. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society Stephen B. McNulty: Exhibition Photography

Stephen presents a travelogue from his 10 years of world travel and shares his path to professional photography. This will include methods of self-critique and how to prepare oneself to approach editors and curators. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Friday, January 18

Heritage Series Concert: Dala

Juno nominees and winners of the 2010 Canadian Folk Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year, Amanda Walther and Sheila Carabine write and sing in harmony best described as angelic. Amanda's ethereal soprano voice blends seamlessly with Sheila's velvety alto, creating the lush harmonies that have become their trademark. Advance sales available until 3 p.m. on Friday by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. Happy Days Lodge; doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. On concert day, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations. This series is made possible thanks to the generous support of 89.7 FM (WKSU), Cable 9 Television, Courtyard by Marriott of Akron/Stow, the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Time Warner Cable.

Saturday, January 19

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Winter Warm-up Hike

7 miles of the moderately difficult Ledges and Cross Country trails. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Ledges Shelter, 9 a.m. - noon.

Junior Ranger: Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 10 - 12

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have at least 6 inches of snow. 10:30 a.m. - noon. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$15 per child including rental equipment, \$10 with own equipment and for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. Dress for the weather. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Junior Ranger: Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 7 - 9

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have at least 6 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 9. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$15 per child including rental equipment, \$10 with own equipment and for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series: Ed Caner

For nearly two decades, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. He is also a founding member of his own band, *Hey Mavis*. For our series, Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him each month. Admission: \$8 general public, \$6 Conservancy members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 p.m. Seating is limited. Advance sales

are available by calling 330-657-2909. The facility is not wheelchair accessible. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Monday, January 21

Junior Ranger: Kids' Snowshoe Workshop: For ages 7 - 12

We'll learn about snowshoes and experience what it's like to go snowshoeing as we take a short hike to discover who else is out and about on this winter day. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$8 per child including rental equipment, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. Dress for the weather. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Tuesday, January 22

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, January 23

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Thursday, January 24

Dinner in the Valley: Super Bowl Preview

Get ready for the biggest party of the year by sampling great appetizers and pre-game foods and tasting local beers. We also have tips for putting together a party to please all your guests. Stanford House, 6 p.m. For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2796 ext. 121 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Open House

Join us for an open house to learn about becoming an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. This program involves 40 hours of combined classroom and field-based instruction along with a requirement to complete 40 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers maintain certification by completing eight hours of continuing education and 20 service hours annually. Program begins in April. Open house is free; program fee is \$250. Hines Hill Conference Center 7 - 8 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Friday, January 25

Campfire Tales: The Roaring 20s!

Grab your flapper dress and sport your pinstriped suit for this lively event that will transport you to the 1920s. Our costumed volunteers will bring the past to life as they explore the decade, from prohibition to bootlegging. Indoors. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 26

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CVSR Wine-Tasting Train

Enjoy choice wines and a selection of appetizers while experiencing winter's beauty by rail. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: starting at \$55 coach per person. Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m. For winter wine themes and to register, call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Winter Camp-in Begins

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Full Moon Hike

Take an easy 3.5-mile round-trip stroll on the Towpath Trail from Canal Visitor Center to Lock 39. Canal Visitor Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Heritage Series Concert: Mountain Heart

Mountain Heart has fearlessly revolutionized the way acoustic and bluegrass music can be presented and played. Since the group's creation in 1999, their musical virtuosity, unmatched energy, and keen sense of entertainment dynamics have helped them forge a unique sound and stage show. The band or its members have won or been nominated for GRAMMYs, Academy of Country Music Awards, Country Music Association Awards, and several International Bluegrass Music Association Awards. *Mountain Heart* has appeared on the revered stage of the Grand Ole Opry more than 125 times. Admission for this event is \$22 adults, \$17 Conservancy members, and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12. Happy Days Lodge; doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. On concert day, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations. This series is made possible thanks to

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Winter Camp-in Ends

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CVSR Hike Aboard!

Journey through CVNP aboard CVSR and then hike 5 miles back along the challenging Buckeye Trail. Fee: \$2 per hiker. Boston Mill Station, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, January 28

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, January 29

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, January 30

Rockin' the Vineyard

Live solo and duo musicians play a variety of styles from week to week. Free with purchase of wine or food. Sarah's Vineyard, 7 - 10 p.m. For more information call 330-929-8057 or visit www.sarahsvineyardwinery.com.

Thursday, January 31

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society Tim Cooper: Perfect Exposure for Digital Photography

The advent of instant image review on modern cameras has made it easier to go home with correct exposures, but harder to actually learn the craft of photography. Join professional photographer Tim Cooper as he explains the practice and benefits of Zone System Metering with modern digital SLR cameras. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Friday, February 1

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society Workshop: Photoshop for the Nature Photographer with Tim Cooper Begins

In this three-day workshop focusing on the advanced features of Adobe Photoshop, Tim Cooper demonstrates how this powerful software program can bring your vision to life. Tim has authored several books on this topic and places special emphasis on developing the skills necessary for nature photographers to create realistic, captivating, and expressive images. For additional information, visit www.cvps.org. Program fee: \$460, \$395 CVPS member (\$410, \$345 CVPS members if you register by November 15). Locations vary, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily.

Lyceum Series Lecture, Andrea Lankford: Ranger Confidential

For 12 years, Andrea Lankford lived in the most impressive national parks in the world, working at a job she loved. Then she walked away from it all. Described by the National Outdoor Book Awards as “Part A *Sand County Almanac*, part *Backpacker Magazine*,” Lankford’s book, *Ranger Confidential: Living, Working and Dying in the National Parks*, unveils a world in which park rangers struggle to maintain their idealism in the face of death, disillusionment, and loss while walking the thin green line between protecting the park from the people, the people from the park, and the people from each other. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. On lecture days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Lantern Hike

Join Park Ranger Mike Kosmos to explore the wonders of CVNP by lantern light, 1 mile along the easy Lake Trail. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 2

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Bird Watching: Early Waterfowl

Despite the harsh winter weather, several aquatic birds are starting to appear in the Cuyahoga Valley. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to look for common mergansers and other early returning waterfowl along the Cuyahoga River. Red Lock Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Off the Beaten Path Hike: Ravines at Rest

Explore the Columbia Run ravine and its ridges during the season at rest. Come prepared for hill scrambling and winter weather on this 3-mile exploration. Columbia Run Picnic Area, 9 - 11 a.m.

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Park Ambassadors Orientation

Set up roving stations in the park to talk about nature and history, go into the community for public outreach, handle snowshoe rentals, and assist with special events. Location to be determined, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration through the volunteer office is required. Call 330-657-2299 to apply.

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Monday, February 4

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, February 5

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, February 6

Ohio Winter Special Olympics

Once again, CVNP and Ohio Winter Olympics have partnered to help Special Olympians make their dreams come true. Cheer on these fine athletes as they brave freezing temperatures to compete. Cross-country events are at Ledges Shelter (weather permitting), downhill skiing is at Brandywine Ski Resort, and ice skating is at Kent State Ice Arena. Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become productive, physically fit, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. There is no charge to participate or to watch the Special Olympics. For volunteer opportunities and an event schedule, call 216-524-1497 ext. 225.

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Friday, February 8

Campfire Tales: Lessons in the Underground Railroad

All guests are welcome to our parlor for our ladies' antislavery meeting. Costumed characters share their stories, and you'll have to decide whom to trust with your runaway slave. Indoors. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8 p.m.

CVSR Beer-Tasting Train

Sample five unique beers to learn about their appearance, bouquet, body, flavors, and finish while you enjoy appetizers designed to complement each brew. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: starting at \$45 coach per person. Rockside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. For beer theme and to register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Saturday, February 9

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Winter Marshlands Hike

Explore what is happening at the Beaver Marsh in winter. Join a park ranger for this easy 1.5-mile walk along the Towpath Trail. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Heritage Series Concert: Nora Jane Struthers & The Bootleggers

Nora Jane Struthers calls her music “Classic Americana” and says, “It’s not really bluegrass, it’s not really old time, it’s not folk – it’s all of these things.” The singer-songwriter’s self-titled solo album was a revelation to roots music fans. Overflowing with affecting, literate original compositions and featuring a complement of top Nashville players, it announced the debut of a major new talent. Advance sales available until 3 p.m. on Friday by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. Happy Days Lodge; doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. On concert day, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations. This series is made possible thanks to the generous support of 89.7 FM (WKSU), Cable 9 Television, Courtyard by Marriott of Akron/Stow, the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Time Warner Cable.

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Junior Ranger, Jr.: Marvelous Moon

Winter is a great time to get out and observe the largest "night light" glowing in our evening sky.

Explore the moon through activities, stories, and a hike to experience the national park at night. 6 - 8 p.m. Program locations are given upon registration. Dress for the weather. Winter programs are free. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

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Discover what it is like to snowshoe through large stands of eastern white pine. Their long, soft, green needles are a lovely contrast to white snow. Join us on this 2.5-mile moderate snowshoe hike over hills and along a scenic plateau. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fee: \$5 per person for snowshoe rental. No advance payment is required. Locations will be provided upon registration. To register call 330-657-2752. When snow is less than 4 inches, programs are conducted as hikes without snowshoes and are free.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series: Ed Caner

For nearly two decades, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. He is also a founding member of his own band, *Hey Mavis*. For our series, Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him each month. Admission: \$8 general public, \$6 Conservancy members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 p.m. Seating is limited. Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. The facility is not wheelchair accessible. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Monday, February 18

Junior Ranger: Winter Tracks Snowshoe

Snowshoe a section of the Cross Country Trail and discover the animals living in the upland evergreen forests. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 12. 10 - 11:30 a.m. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$8 per child including rental equipment, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. Dress for the weather. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Tuesday, February 19

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, February 20

No events scheduled.

Thursday, February 21

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society Members' Show

This is an opportunity for members to share up to three digital images. An optional critique will be offered by two professional photographers. Visit www.cvps.org (click "Gallery") for digital file criteria. Guests are welcome. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Friday, February 22

Dinner in the Valley: Noodles of Asia

Take a tour through Asia by sampling noodle dishes from the many different cuisines of the Far East. Chef Larkin will give a primer on the types of noodles and how they can be used.

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (Lipscomb Dining Hall), 6 p.m. For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2796 ext. 121 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Owl Prowl

Join a Metro Parks naturalist as we explore the 1.2-mile Quarry Trail, discovering what kinds of owls live in our area and what makes them such great hunters. Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, 7 p.m. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

Heritage Series Concert: John Jorgenson Trio

Led by Grammy-winning guitarist John Jorgenson, the *John Jorgenson Trio* creates a unique musical experience that equally enthralls the most discerning and the casual music fan. Each member of the group is a virtuoso, yet the music is accessible, melodic, and appealing. Jorgenson's compositions draw in elements from Latin, Romanian, classical, rock, and Greek music. Advance sales available until 3 p.m. on Friday by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. Happy Days Lodge; doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. On concert day, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations. This series is made possible thanks to the generous support of 89.7 FM (WKSU), Cable 9 Television, Courtyard by Marriott of Akron/Stow, the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Time Warner Cable.

Saturday, February 23

CVSR regular excursions

Cabin Fever pricing—tickets are \$12 each for everyone ages 3 and over. Fees include the audio tour. For details and to register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com. Stations south of Peninsula to Akron will be closed in January and February due to bridge repairs. They will reopen in spring.

Countryside Winter Farmers' Markets

Come enjoy the local, seasonal bounty at the Countryside Conservancy's producers-only farmers' market. Throughout the winter, our indoor market offers fresh produce from high-tunnel greenhouses and cold storage, meat, cheese, baked goods, confections, artwork, and more!

Old Trail School, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Hearts of Herons

The protected habitat of CVNP provides a home where great blue herons can find a mate and raise a family. Learn about their courtship behavior and annual return to valley heronries. Botzum Trailhead, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 24

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CVSR Sunday Matinee: Love Stories of the Underground Railroad

Slave owners justified splitting up couples because they believed that slaves cared little for lasting relationships. The stories of the Underground Railroad paint a far different picture. Rockside Station, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Winter Family Fun

Drop by with your family for fun in the snow! Test your skills at winter challenges such as snowball making and throwing, fort building, sled pulling, and more. Challenge others and yourself in snowshoe games. Dress for the weather. Enjoy hot chocolate by a warming fire within Ledges Shelter. No snow? No problem! If the weather does not cooperate, we'll have other outdoor games to play. Ledges Shelter, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday, February 25

A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

Hale Farm & Village's historic buildings and grounds become fictional Underground Railroad sites in this 90-minute dynamic living history program that involves you in the story of the Underground Railroad. Discover one of the most intense chapters in our nation's history. Reservations are required, and this program sells out quickly. Day and evening tours available. To register call 330-666-3711 or contact halereservations@wrhs.org.

Full Moon Hike

Enjoy a crisp, 2.75-mile hike along the easy-to-moderate Tree Farm Trail to renew your mind, body, and spirit. Horseshoe Pond, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26

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Wednesday, February 27

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Thursday, February 28

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Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers while the band *Hu\$money* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.